

Program 026

## SPI - Special Education

### Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2003-05 Expenditure Authority</b>	1.5	876,474	427,113	1,303,587
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	1.5	909,477	432,618	1,342,095
Difference		33,003	5,505	38,508
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	3.8%	1.3%	3.0%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
Pension Method Change		(18,791)	(208)	(18,999)
<b>Subtotal</b>		(18,791)	(208)	(18,999)
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	1.5	890,686	432,410	1,323,096
Difference		14,212	5,297	19,509
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Special Education	1.5	890,686	432,410	1,323,096
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	1.5	890,686	432,410	1,323,096

### ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

#### Special Education

State and federal law requires Washington public schools to provide appropriate educational programs to over 120,000 students with disabilities. School districts and educational service districts use state and federal funds to provide supplemental services through the special education program. Schools employ over 12,000 full-time equivalent district staff in special education statewide. This program is defined as basic education. In addition, this activity provides for statewide technical assistance for school districts receiving federal grants related to special educational programs.